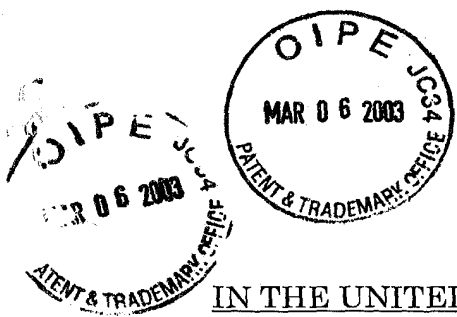


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Applicant: PETER EBEL ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/963,557 ✓ Group Art Unit: Julio C. Gonzalez
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COMBUSTION ENGINES AND METHOD FOR OPERATING
THE DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 7, 2003,
Applicants make the following election.

Restriction was required between the Group I, set of claims 1-6 drawn to a
device with a starter/generator and the Group II, set of claims 7-14 drawn to a
method of operating a device with a starter/generator.

Applicants elect for prosecution the Group II, set of claims 7-14 drawn to a
method of operating a starter/generator.

Applicants hereby request a full and thorough examination on the merits
of this application.


If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in
general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this
should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50424).

Respectfully submitted,

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